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UM STUDENT WINS PETER LEFT HAND AWARD

MISSOULA --

Wilford BirdinGround, a University of Montana junior from Garryowen, has won a \$100 Peter Left Hand Award for his paper "Pre-Horse Culture."

The award, administered by the UM Foundation and annually given to a UM student, is in its third year. It recognizes the "best paper, art or drama piece written by an undergraduate Native American on some aspect of Plains Indian culture." Fred Voget of Indiana established the award in memory of a Crow Indian who helped him research the Crow tribe.

BirdinGround, who majors in forestry, is a member of the Crow tribe.

His paper tells of the rift between the Crow and Hidatsa tribes, who he says once lived together on the Knife and Missouri rivers, and describes the Crows' development from an agricultural to a hunting society.

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